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Dear Sirs,

EXCLUSION OF BALCONY GFA FOR COMPUTATION OF MINIMUM HOUSEHOLD SHELTER SIZES

In line with URA's 26 Jun 2001 guidelines to encourage the provision of balconies for skyrise gardening in residential developments (Circular No: URA/PB/2001/14-DCD), SCDF has reviewed the current method of computing minimum household shelter (HS) sizes based on GFA of dwelling unit.

2 We would like to inform you that with immediate effect, balcony GFA shall be excluded in the determination of minimum HS sizes, if the balcony/ balconies to be excluded satisfy the following criterion :

- a To qualify for exclusion, the balcony/ balconies must be open on at least 2 sides ¹. Service balconies, which are commonly provided at the utility areas for the purpose of drying clothes, would therefore not qualify for exclusion.

3 We would appreciate it if you could disseminate the contents of this circular to members of your Institution or Association.

¹ As required under URA's 26 Jun 2001 guidelines, to ensure that the balcony/ balconies are conducive for skyrise gardening.

Yours faithfully,

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